Washington, **DC** –Today, Congresswoman Linda T. Sánchez released the following statement after an 8.9 magnitude earthquake and devastating tsunami struck Japan. A tsunami warning has been issued across the Pacific Ocean, including California.

"I send my heartfelt condolences to the people of Japan who have lost loved ones today, and I send my thoughts and prayers to those who are now dealing with the aftermath of the earthquake and tsunami," said Congresswoman Sánchez. "Tsunami warnings have been issued for the West Coast, and I urge my fellow Californians to work with emergency personnel in taking the proper precautions to stay safe for when the tsunami reaches shore."

Constituents trying to obtain information about family members in Japan can contact Congresswoman Sánchez's District Office at (562) 860-5050 for assistance.

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